

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3591-04  
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SCS for HCS for HB 1375  
Subject: Medical Procedures and Personnel; Physicians  
Type: Original  
Date: May 27, 2010

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Bill Summary: Allows physicians to use expedited partner therapy by dispensing and prescribing medications for partners of persons with certain sexually transmitted diseases who are not their patients.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration** and **Department of Health and Senior Services** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DOS) - MO HealthNet Division (MHD)** provide the following information:

#### Expedited Partner Therapy:

This bill allows physicians to use expedited partner therapy under certain conditions by dispensing and prescribing medications for partners diagnosed with certain sexually transmitted diseases even when there is no existing physician/patient relationship. The physician can prescribe antibiotics in pill form for the partner without a medical evaluation of the individual or prevention counseling. However, the physician must provide explanation and guidance to the initial original patient to prevent the spread of disease. Physicians utilizing expedited partner therapy are granted immunity from civil liability unless such physician acts negligently.

There is no fiscal impact to the MHD.

MO HealthNet covers these types of antibiotics. Based on data for FY 09, MO HealthNet spent approximately \$9,443 on the antibiotics for MO HealthNet participants diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea. It is assumed that if the MHD paid for the antibiotics for their partners, the partners would also have to be MO HealthNet eligible. Assuming one partner of each of the MO HealthNet participants with a diagnosis of chlamydia or gonorrhea were also prescribed an antibiotic, and each one of them were MO HealthNet eligible, the additional expenditure would be about \$9,443. It is assumed that the MHD would absorb any additional expenditures.

#### Human Papillomavirus:

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH) is required to develop an informational brochure relating to the connection between human papillomavirus and cervical cancer, and that an immunization against the human papillomavirus is available. The DOH must make the brochure available on its website and notify each public school district of the availability of the brochures. If a school chooses to distribute such material, it must be distributed to parents directly and not distributed to students to give to parents.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

The responsibility for production and distribution of the brochure rests with the DOH. This proposal does not address insurance or Medicaid coverage for the human papillomavirus vaccine. Therefore, this provision has no fiscal impact on the DOS.

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DES)** state the proposal will have no impact on their organization. However, as school districts will be required to distribute brochures on the human papillomavirus and the available vaccine, the DES assumes the proposal will have an unknown cost to school districts.

**Oversight** assumes any fiscal impact the proposal may have on school districts that provide brochures to parents will be minimal and absorbable within current funding levels.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** state the fiscal impact for this proposal is less than \$2,500. The SOS does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the SOS can sustain within its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the costs of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the Governor.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Department of Health** assume FY 11 costs will be approximately \$1,560 (\$960 azithromycin (800 doses) and \$600 for Health Alert to be faxed to local physicians describing the provisions of this legislation). FY 12 and FY 13 costs are assumed to be approximately \$960 per year for 800 doses of azithromycin.

Officials from the **St. Louis City Health Department, Jefferson County Health Department, and Kansas City Health Department** did not respond to our request for a statement of fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes costs to the local health departments will be minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

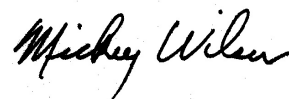
The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Social Services  
Office of Secretary of State  
St. Louis County Health Department

**NOT RESPONDING: St. Louis City Health Department, Jefferson County Health Department, and Kansas City Health Department**



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